HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

W.P.NO. 1827 OF 2007

DATED: 2.2.2007

Between:

K. Yesuratnam

... Petitioner

and

The Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur

...
Respondent

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ORAL ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies.

The petitioner is aggrieved that his revision dated 11.2.2004 has not yet been disposed of by the respondent. Pursuant to a complaint of the MRO, Vemuru, the Sub-Inspector of Police, Vemuru Police Station filed a charge-sheet in Cr.No.6 of 2002 under Sections 406 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, against the petitioner. In C.C.No.354 of 2002, the petitioner was acquitted of the charge of having failed to account for a shortage of 35.80 quintals of rice meant for 'food for work' programme, by the II Additional Munsif Magistrate, Tenali, by the judgment dated 7.11.2005.

The Sub-Collector, Tenali by an order dated 6.9.2002 cancelled the petitioner's authorization, exercising powers under Clauses 3 (4) and 16 (4) of the APSC (RDCS) Order 1973 (for short 'the Control Order') for having failed to account for 35.80 quintals of rice meant for 'food for work' programme (the same charge as in C.C.No.354 of 2002). Aggrieved, the petitioner preferred an appeal to the Joint Collector. By the order dated 26.6.2003, the Joint Collector dismissed the appeal. Thereupon, the petitioner preferred a revision

to the respondent herein under Clause 21 of the Control Order, within 30 days from the date of receipt of a copy of the order of the Joint Collector i.e. within time. Though nearly 3 years have elapsed, the respondent herein did not dispose of the revision, is the complaint in this writ petition.

In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission, directing the respondent to expeditiously and in any event within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 11.2.2004, passing a reasoned order on the contentions urged by the petitioner in the revision. The revisional order of the respondent shall be communicated to the petitioner within the aforesaid time. There shall be no order as to costs.

GODA RAGHURAM, J

Date: 2.2.2007

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